

REMARKS

1-3, 6-8, 11-15, 18, 22-25, 31, and 40-42 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 4-5, 9-10, 16-17, 19-21, 26-30, 32-39, and 43-44. Claims 35-36 and 39 have been amended to correct their dependency; claims 16-17, 28-30, 32, 24, and 37-39 have been amended to correct obvious typographical, grammatical, and idiomatic errors; and the specification has been amended to correct the identity of the Figures and to correct obvious typographical, grammatical, and idiomatic errors. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/695,321, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application Nos.11-304683, filed on October 26, 1999, and 2000-308262, filed on October 6, 2000, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC LCD Technologies, Ltd.

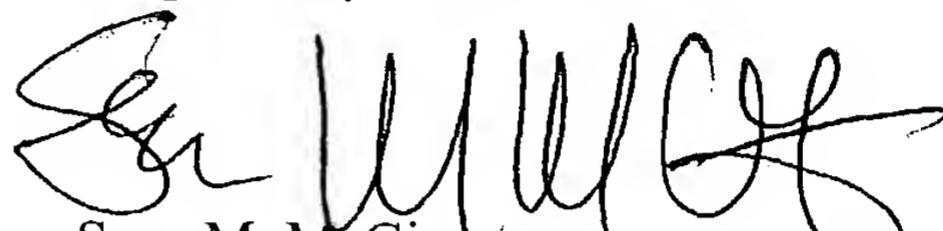
Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

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